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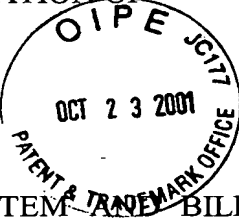
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Title: BILLING SYSTEM AND BILLING METHOD IN A TELECOMMUNICATION  
NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claims:

13 <sup>50</sup> <sub>200</sub> (Amended) A telecommunications terminal device comprising:  
a pre-paid amount memory area, storing a pre-paid amount of money,  
a processor which can debit or subsequently load the amount of money,  
wherein the processor in addition determines a dynamic client profile from one or  
more random variables of previous connections of the customer and can store it in a memory  
area,  
and the processor can determine the amount for new connections from the stored  
dynamic client profile and can debit it directly out of a pre-paid memory area when a  
connection is established.

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